

that the recent EU accession of the southern portion of the island will not have any adverse effects on progress in this area. As President Papadopoulos stated at the signing ceremony:

I regret that the artificial walls of division and the line of separation that was imposed by force prevent our Turkish Cypriot compatriots from proceeding with us, within the framework of a reunited Cyprus, on the way to Europe I reiterate, from this forum as well, at this historic moment of the signing of the Treaty, my firm commitment to exert every effort to achieve a peaceful, workable and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

Mr. Speaker and fellow Members of Congress, I ask that you please join me in congratulating the government and people of the Republic of Cyprus on their recent accession into the European Union. In addition, I ask that the United States Congress continue to offer encouragement and support to both Greek and Turkish Cypriots as negotiations for a reunified island continue.

RECOGNIZING BRENT DUNKEL FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brent Dunkel, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brent has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Bartle and Philmont. Over the years he has been involved in scouting, he has earned 48 merit badges. Additionally, Brent has held numerous leadership positions in his troop, serving as assistant patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide. Brent also has been honored for his numerous Scouting achievements with such awards as the Foxman in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and the World Conservation Award.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brent prepared and landscaped a "Welcome to Weston" sign in Bless Park in Weston, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brent Dunkel for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM CHANDLER, THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE CARLISLE FIRE COM- PANY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today as a member of the

Congressional Fire Service Caucus to honor and pay tribute to a leader in the firefighting community—Bill Chandler, who age 92, holds the record for being the longest serving member of the Carlisle Fire Company in Milford, Delaware. Bill Chandler is an outstanding, dedicated and caring Delawarean with an abundance of accomplishments in this field. On behalf of myself and the citizens of the First State, I would like to honor this outstanding individual and extend to him our congratulations on almost 70 years in the fire department.

Today, I recognize Bill Chandler for his long and distinguished career with the Carlisle Fire Company. Since beginning his career at age 24 in 1934, Bill Chandler has provided service in a manner that has brought distinction not only to himself but to the entire Fire Company.

Family, friends and fellow firefighters should take a moment to truly appreciate the world of difference Bill Chandler has made in the firefighting community. He has served for many years as fire recorder, vice president, third assistant chief, second assistant chief, first assistant chief and eventually chief of the Carlisle Fire Company. Bill Chandler has also served on the by-laws, budget, president advisory, archives, bingo, bowling, fireman of the year, crab feast and sportsman's expo committees. He is currently serving as a delegate for the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association.

Bill Chandler has spent all of his life helping the community of Milford and all of Delaware. To this end, he has received many honors; the 55 years of service award signed by then President George Bush and Senator Bill Roth, Fireman Community Service Award and Company Firefighter of the Year Award. Mr. Chandler was responsible for many improvements in the firefighting community. He implemented the very first rubber boots and hard hats at the Carlisle Fire Company in 1941. However, Bill Chandler has also made valuable contributions to the business community as a partner in Sockrider and Chandler Jewelry Store.

Mr. Speaker, with his children Bill, Edna and Gloria and his seven grandchildren at his side, the Chandler family proudly and unselfishly contributes every day to the quality of life at home in their community and our entire State.

Mr. William Chandler's contributions cannot be commended enough. As he continues his commitment to the Carlisle Fire Company, we can be sure that his contributions to the community will not end. His commitment to fighting fires and saving lives has earned him a permanent place in Delaware's fire service history.

RECOGNITION OF AFRICA MALARIA DAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize Africa Malaria Day, declared on April 25, 2000 by 43 African heads of state. That declaration marked the end of a 3-day summit called to renew and re-invigorate Africa's commitment to defeating malaria, a disease that takes a terrible toll on the African continent. It renewed a commitment to exploit

all means possible to finally tame the disease that kills more African children than any other single disease. It recognized the massive impact of malaria and Africa's potential for reducing that impact. It affirmed African leaders' intent to remove roadblocks to malaria control and called for more active participation by the international community.

UNICEF and the World Health Organization estimate that malaria kills from 1 million to 2 million people every year, most of them young children and pregnant women in Africa. Along with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, malaria is one of the three biggest infectious disease killers in the world today.

There has never been a licensed malaria vaccine, but great progress toward that end is now being made. However, the market for a malaria vaccine is primarily poor people in developing countries. This means that market forces requiring an acceptable return on investment by industry cannot, by themselves, drive malaria vaccine development. Ensuring the successful development of a vaccine for a disease that primarily affects the poorest people in the world requires public funding for research and development and funding for vaccine purchase once malaria vaccines are licensed.

Global and national efforts are making a difference. Lives are being saved, and the movement to finally control malaria in Africa is picking up momentum. Evidence of this includes the increasing level of support for malaria control by the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. But more and broader support is needed to achieve the goal of ending deaths from malaria in the shortest time possible. For each year we delay, another one to two million lives are lost.

Friday, April 25, 2003, was Africa Malaria Day. On that day, the equivalent of seven large planetloads of children died from malaria. Most of these children were under the age of 5. While this fact deeply saddens me, it also impassions me. We can and must ensure that more is done to prevent more deaths, today, tomorrow, and into the future.

HONORING COMMANDER MCCOOL

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2003, a terrible tragedy took the lives of seven brave astronauts aboard the space shuttle *Columbia*. The second in command was Commander William McCool, son of Las Vegas Audrey and Barent McCool, and all of Southern Nevada mourns the loss of their son.

Audrey, a professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), and Barent, a retired Marine and Navy pilot and UNLV graduate student, inspired their son to become a pilot. William, called Willie by family and friends, built model airplanes as a boy and followed in his father's footsteps to become a naval aviator. As a student at Coronado High School in Lubbock, Texas, Commander McCool aspired to be a pilot and he demonstrated his abilities and inherent gift when he graduated second in his class of 1,100 students from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983. Commander McCool continued his education, earning a master's